

## Canadian University Press DATELINE

### Elections frozen on technicality

VANCOUVER—University of British Columbia's presidential elections were frozen Wednesday on a technicality.

Ballots were counted face down and locked in the student council vault until council decided what to do.

The problem is one of eligibility—that of candidate Stan Persky.

The constitution requires a candidate to be in attendance at UBC for two years. Persky attended UBC for the 1966-67 session, the 1967 summer session and all this year.

Students contesting his eligibility claim the constitution means two full academic years, not including summer sessions.

At a meeting Feb. 5, council decided to refer Persky's eligibility to student court, but didn't foresee the election furore.

Council also passed a motion that "the ballots for the presidential election be counted on the day of the election."

Shaun Sullivan, council president, when asked at the meeting, said the motion meant council had decided to make the results public on election day Feb. 13.

"But," he said Wednesday, "I'm going to take a very narrow interpretation of the motion now."

The decision to take this action came after a request from student court to keep the results secret. It might prejudice the court's decision, a spokesman said.

Student court comprises seven law students who sit as judges. Persky's opponent in the presidential race is law student Brian Abrahamson.

### Premier refuses to retract fee hike

REGINA—Saskatchewan premier Ross Thatcher recently told a student delegation he refused to even consider retraction of the recently-announced fee increase.

Saskatchewan taxpayers could not afford to pay any more for education, he said.

Fee hikes averaging \$75 a year were announced last month, bringing fees up to \$385 for freshman and up to \$600 for upper-classmen.

Asked if he would decrease tuition if there was a budgetary surplus, Premier Thatcher refused to commit himself.

### Chairman forces elections cancellation

WINNIPEG—The chairman of the Board of Regents at the University of Winnipeg has forced cancellation of student council elections.

The reason given is that the new constitution under which the elections were scheduled has not yet been approved by the board of trustees.

Clarence Atchison, board chairman, refused to allow university president W. S. Lockhart permission to grant interim ratification so elections could be held. The board needed to see the document first.

David Campbell, student president, decided to postpone elections for three weeks to allow the board to study the document.

### Student president calls for stipends

TORONTO—University of Toronto student president Tom Faulkner wants paychecks for students.

He made the appeal as a long-term solution to problems of student aid.

Student council has made \$5,000 available to students still waiting for second instalments on their Province of Ontario Student Aid Plan (POSAP) loans. The administration has also added an undisclosed sum of money to the fund.

POSAP officials attribute the slowness to the increase of POSAP requests over last year, problems with the province's computer and to the time needed to handle the complex forms.

Faulkner said last week he expects the already complex POSAP application for to be even more difficult to complete next year.

"As long as student aid is administered by a means test, we'll be faced with lengthy and complex forms," he said.

"The only satisfactory solution is a system of stipends, granting tuition and living allowances to all students qualified to attend university," said Faulkner.

### No Arts II at UBC; students object

VANCOUVER—Arts I students at UBC want to keep a good thing going—but it appears they won't.

Ars I, a seminar-type experimental program, will not be followed by an Arts II next year. Students will have to amalgamate with the lecture mainstream.

The Arts I curriculum is based on themes of love, war, utopia and freedom and is conducted away from the regular curriculum with its own building, professors and informal teaching methods.

It will be offered again next year but an Arts II is out of the question for September, said Father Gerald McGuigan, co-chairman of the program.

"I'm seriously considering skipping a year and coming back in '69, when there might be an Arts II," said student Aubin Southwell.

# Engineers' week ends up with kidnapping of Casserole editor

Engineers, after being called parasites, juvenile delinquents, and hoodlums, in The Gateway Friday, reacted appropriately.

A pack of 50 entered the newspaper's offices in SUB and kidnapped Casserole editor Ron Yakimchuk.

They escorted him to the basement of the engineering building where they applied their traditional blue dye.

Later in SUB cafeteria they displayed him in stocks and demanded he make a public retraction of The Gateway's criticism of the plumbers.

He apologized for the engineers' lack of manners, intelligence, and other qualities characterizing human beings.

He said "I am sorry the coverage of the engineering week was not better, I am sure there are several things the engineers did that we missed."

Just as the engineers became irate, Rev. Barry Moore, the university United Church chaplain rescued Yakimchuk.

At Sir George Williams University, the engineers tried to destroy copies of last Friday's Georgian but failed, instead destroying a few thousand back issues which were to be bound into yearbooks.

In Calgary, the engineers hung their paper, the Gauntlet, in effigy for failing to cover the departure of the campus beauty queen for a national contest.



AN UNLUCKY ENGINEER  
... captured by unfriendly elements

## Removal of mess furniture signals end for the armed services building

Sergeants moving furniture! What next?

This is the beginning of the end—the Armed Services building is closing August 31, and there will be no more reserve units on campus.

The mess furnishings including a

stereo and TV, were moved out of the building Friday and Saturday.

"The reason is related to economy," said senior staff officer Captain M.L. Wilson. "Reserve units are closing down in all the universities."

The units that will no longer be operational after this year are the Canadian Officers' Training Plan (army), the University Naval Training Division, and the University Reserve Training Plan (air force).

Students in these reserve plans trained one night per week during the winter, and spent three months training at various camps across Canada. They spent at least two years, and often three, in the organization.

"We did not enroll anyone last

September," said Capt. Wilson, "so everyone in the reserve units will finish at least the two years."

The reserve trainees were under no obligation to remain in the services. They received about \$125 during the winter for attending parades, and \$250 per month during the summer for the first two years.

Students from the regular forces, who are subsidized are paid 12 months of the year, and have four years of obligatory service after graduation. They will continue, and will probably be administered from the regular offices at Namao and Greisback. They have no winter training.

No one knows yet what will happen to the building, but it will remain with the university.

## Manitoban predicts CYC collapse

BRANDON, Man. (CUP)—The Company of Young Canadians, already suffering budget cuts and dogged by three prairie premiers, will fold without community support, its Manitoba director said last week.

Murray Smith told a Brandon university seminar the CYC is on shaky ground. "Until December, we were top-heavy in management and didn't provide enough field support for our volunteers," Smith said.

He said the only real solution is strong support from people in communities which have CYC volunteers. "But basically, the Canadian people can't decide whether or not poverty is a good thing."

"The criticism of the company by premiers E. C. Manning (Alberta) and Ross Thatcher (Saskatchewan) is symptomatic of this contradiction," Smith said.

In Ottawa, the grant for the Company went down—it asked for \$2.4 million and got \$2 million.

### Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Opportunities

Department of Pathological Chemistry, Banting Institute, University of Toronto

Fellowships available for graduate students to work toward an M.Sc. or Ph.D. degree with research on the basic biochemistry of renal, hepatic, metabolic or endocrine disorders. Enquiries are invited from students with a sound education in the chemical, biological or biophysical sciences or in medicine. Postdoctoral opportunities are also available leading either to academic research, or to a professional career as a clinical chemist or medical biochemist.

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